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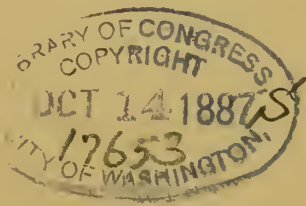

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To court in gay attire,

This Christmas day I go;

For 'I'm the King's high chamberlain

I'd have you all to know;'

The most important in his train,—

"My Lordship Sir High Chamberlain."

The goodly King holds festival

To-day, in royal state,

And all the nobles in the land

Will come to grace the féte;

But countless all, unless I came

For I'm the Lord High Chamberlain.

My lovely dame, Belinda,

Exclaiming with delight,

In open admiration stands,

To watch me out of sight:

But to look around I never deign,

For I'm the King's High Chamberlain.

In awe the people follow,

As with stately step I go.

My! "Ain't he grand!" they whisper,

"And ain't he proud! you know."

And all with reverence proclaim,

"There goes the King's High Chamberlain."

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